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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Duy M. Dang
PAUL RAYMOND)
HIGGINBOTTOM ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2621
Appln. No.: 09/523,595)
: Filed: March 10, 2000)
: For: ENCODING METHOD AND)
APPARATUS) July 18, 2003

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action of March 18, 2003, to July 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The specification changes are shown at page 2, the claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 22.

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